

# Story of Western Ute Leader, Waccara, Featured in Utah Historical Quarterly

Many people recognize the name of Utah's most well-known nineteenth-century leader. But fewer know about another leader who was probably every bit as innovative and influential as Brigham Young was. His name was Waccara.

This Western Ute leader was remarkably resourceful, and an article in the Fall 1999 Utah Historical Quarterly brings his genius to light. At the time of his birth in the early 1800s, the Western Utes had not yet learned to use horses for anything except food. It was Waccara (also called Walker) who led his group into a new era of equestrianism and prosperity.

According to author Stephen Van Hoak, Waccara invented a new way of life for those who followed him — a life that fully used the advantages that horses offered. During the winter he led Ute families to California, where their horses had plenty of feed and where the men could raid ranches for more horses. In the spring, as the group returned to Utah, they took captives from weaker Indian bands. Arriving at Utah Lake, they fished and traded their horses and captives for

guns and other goods.

During the summer, the band traveled to the Plains to hunt bison; in the fall they returned to Utah to hunt and to gather pinenuts.

Like a modern business leader who must react quickly to change, Waccara dealt innovatively with the new circumstances that Euro Americans brought. And when he welcomed the newcomer Mormons as new trading partners, he was once more adjusting to change.

But this time, change had a steamroller effect. The Western Utes, with their land-centered, migratory lives, were quickly overwhelmed by the great numbers of land-dividing, farming Mormon settlers.

In fact, the Mormons had brought to Utah a completely different paradigm. They brought a new religion, new language, laws, social organizations, and goals — in short, a world view which differed entirely from that of the Utes.

It was not long before the settlers, by taking over Western Ute lands, forced the Indians to give up their lifeways.

Even Waccara's short, last-gasp "war" could not stave off the changes. This great leader died, defeated, in 1855.

The mission of the Utah Historical Quarterly is to bring to light forgotten lives like Waccara's and to shed new light on events of the past. Each issue contains fascinating stories.

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Wasatch County hereby requests that all interested firms qualified to perform such work, supply us with a proposal on behalf of your company and any sub-contractors you intend to use, to prepare a Comprehensive General Plan for Wasatch County. This General Plan must present a plan for present and future needs of the County and plan for growth and development of land within the County areas. All aspects of growth, including, but not limited to planning of transportation, infrastructure, open space preservation, environmental issues, view sheds, and other opportunities and constraints within the County must be considered. Contacts with various public agencies as well as public input meetings will be necessary. More complete details of the issues to be covered in the General Plan are available through the Wasatch County Planning Office (435) 654-3211x3211. Please call for further information. The deadline for submitting of proposals to the Planning Office is 3:00 p.m. on February 10, 2000.

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## Charleston

Board will set the date for the final public hearing on the sewer study in their regular meeting, February 3, 2000 in the Charleston Town Hall at 7 p.m.

**Sheryl Lambert**

**Town Clerk**

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the Wasatch County Administration Building at 25 North Main Street, Heber City, to consider the following:

1. Adoption of Wasatch County Board of Adjustment Bylaws and Rules.

2. Election of Board of Adjustment Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

3. Robert A. Johnson, proprietor of Johnson Mill Bed and Breakfast, requests approval of an additional eight units which would increase the number of units to eleven. This property is located at 100 Johnson Mill Road by the town of Midway in the R.A. (Residential Agricultural) zone.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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**NOTICE OF AUCTION**  
**SALE**

Notice of Auction Sale to be held February 21, 2000, at 3:00 p.m., in accordance with UT. Code 38-2-4 (1953) at Larry's Auto & Towing Service, Inc., 1874 S. Daniels Rd., Heber City, UT., 84032, 435-654-3494. Minimum bid on mechanically restored 1976 Ford 2WD, pickup w/AT, registered to Sidney L. Hobb, 1028 S. 1500 W. SLC, UT 84104 is \$2,672.36.

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SALE  
The following described

property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States at the Main Entrance, Wasatch County Courthouse, 1361 South Highway 40, Heber City, Utah, on February 24, 2000 at 10:30 a.m., for the purpose of foreclosing a Trust Deed dated August 8, 1995 and executed by Matthew C. Van Wagoner in favor of

property will be sold at auction to the highest bidder, payable in full in money of the United States, at the Main Wasatch Courthouse, 1360 Highway 40, Heber City, Utah, on February 12, 1997, at 10:30 a.m., for the purpose of foreclosing a Deed dated November 19, 1996, and executed by Byron Dale Stouffer and Glenda Gail Stouffer, of New America Inc., covering the real property located in Wasatch County.

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Wave photo by Dave Anderton

Zedora Enos, sculptor Peter Fillerup, center, and James Trosper last Thursday unveiled a bronze statue of Chief Washakie at the Museum of Church History and Art in Salt Lake City.

## Honoring Chief Washakie

BY DAVE ANDERTON

Wave Editor

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Descendants of Chief Washakie gathered together last week in Salt Lake City to pay tribute to the remarkable legacy of one of the West's most renowned Indian chiefs.

Chief Washakie, known for his diplomacy and strength in battle, helped unite the Shoshone people and was responsible for negotiating a treaty with the U.S. Government that preserved a million acre reservation in Wyoming's beautiful Wind River country.

A 32-inch bronze statue of Washakie, made by Wasatch County resident Peter Fillerup, was commissioned by the family and donated to the LDS Church. The statue will sit in the church's new Conference Center.

"The church admires what has happened with Chief Washakie and his descendants," said Elder James E. Turley, Sr., a member of the church's governing Seventy. "Washakie was a major factor in the settling of the West."

Washakie, a friend of Brigham Young, spoke French, English and several Indian languages. He lived to be 102 years old. At his death he was honored with a full military funeral, the only Indian Chief having that distinction.

"I can't think of a better place for him to be represented than to be here at the temple," said Zedora Enos, a great granddaughter of Washakie.

Fillerup, nationally acclaimed for his sculpting work, is best known locally for his statue of William Madison Wall, "Journey's End," located in the Heber City Park.

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breed "friendlier" cattle. Rosie cut the story from the paper because she thought the researchers had it backwards. "It's been my experience waiting on tables for 20 years," said Rosie, "that it's the cowboys who need to be friendlier." (Maybe we had offended her in some way. Perhaps our tipping practices?)

As usual we paid little attention to what Rosie said, but we were really interested in the prospect of friendlier cattle. J.C., who's had a horse under him so long his legs are warped and is usually about as sociable as a freshly shorn sheep, was incensed at the suggestion that cows are not friendly. "Sure, I've tangled with a few mad cows, locoed steers and killer bulls in my time, but I think your average range cow is pretty agreeable compared to most people," said J.C. as if he was referring to one of us.

Thus began a lively debate on who are the most sociable creatures in the natural world. "I'd have to disagree with you J.C.," I said. "In my many liaisons with cows I have found them to not be all that fraternal. Although I've seen them reluctantly share a pasture with sheep on occasion I can't really say it was a touchy-feely relationship."

"I had a cantankerous cow that let a bird roost on its back," recalled Bob, (We all knew Bob had a tendency to exaggerate and downright fib on occasion). "But I think it may have been because the bird ate insects off the cow's back."

"That's a symbiotic relationship," said the Professor, the intellectual of the group. "That means they coexist peacefully as long as it's beneficial to

life) tossed a newspaper clipping on the table along with our food. It was about a study at Iowa State where they are trying to

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"That's right," a read where race ho stall with a billy g enjoy their company can put up with a b huge hearted."

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